Gays died in Holocaust, too

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A year ago state Rep. Charles Duke, R-Monument, stated that he was unaware that homosexuals were among the victims of the Holocaust. He further stated that he was going to research the subject. I've no idea whether he did any reading or not. Even a superficial look at the subject would produce a list of people targeted by the Nazis for extermination — including homosexuals.

Rep. Duke wrote in his letter to the Gazette Telegraph of April 1 that he excluded homosexuals from the Holocaust resolution because he did not want them glorified.

Excuse me, but the Holocaust resolution passed by the Colorado Legislature was an acknowledgment of the victims, not a "glorification." Even if it were, what is the point of excluding homosexuals? Rep. Duke says that it is because he finds homosexuality "abhorrent and aberrant."

What a relief, that it is the homosexuality and not the homosexuals that he finds objectionable. A reasonable person can justifiably object to some things homosexuals do, but your true bigot objects to homosexuals (or blacks, Jews, Catholics, etc.) for what they are.

It serves no purpose, other than to expose an ignorance of history, to exclude homosexuals from the Holocaust resolution. They were exterminated. It happened. It is a documented fact. I think it is dangerous to try and revise history. It's important to have such remembrances as the Holocaust resolution — if for no other reason than to reinforce that it must never happen again.

And, to those who say it can never happen here, you need look no further than the state of Louisiana. David Duke, a man who up until recently was celebrating Der Fuehrer's birthday and denying that the Holocaust even happened (calling it the Holohoax), got 60 percent of the white vote in the governor's race.

What does it matter that Charles Duke is engaging in a little revision of history? Because there is really very little difference in the exclusion of homosexuals as victims and denying that the entire Holocaust happened. The difference is only in the degree of prejudice, not the kind.

What are we to make of Rep. Duke's exclusion of homosexuals from the Holocaust resolution? That, perhaps, after all, it really is the homosexuals he objects to and not their homosexuality? Or, is it that by not acknowledging them as victims of the Holocaust, he would have us believe it never happened — and, besides, they deserve it?

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